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NOTIFICATION

The Indian Elephant *Elephas maximus* is listed at Sl. No. 12-B in Schedule 1 (Part 1) of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 as amended upto 2006. This animal under captive / private ownership situations is brought within the city and township limits of several Indian States. The activities carried out by 'owners' of Indian Elephants such as circuses, zoos and religious institutions, by making the elephants beg, offer joy-rides, and perform tricks and maneuvers, are in violation of Section 2 (7A) read with Section 2 (39), Sections 38H, 42 and 43 of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 as amended upto 2006.

In order to stop this violation, it is hereby prohibited to bring into or keep the Indian Elephant within Sikkim State limits without valid ownership papers and under conditions stipulated by Department of Forest, Environment and Wildlife Management, Government of Sikkim. Any such possession within the limits of the State of Sikkim without valid ownership certificate from Department of Forest, Environment and Wildlife Management, Government of Sikkim is treated as illegal possession and action will be taken under the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 as amended upto 2006 and other relevant laws of the land.

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